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V. REMARKS

13. The Office Action dated June 29, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated September 9, 2005 have been carefully considered. The amendment submitted after final on August 31, 2005, was not entered. According a new, comprehensive amendment is submitted with this Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please do not enter the August 31, 2005, amendment. Reconsideration of this application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

A. Overview of Office Action

14. The office action:

- Withdrew previously pending claim objections in response to the amendment.
- Withdrew previously pending art objections in light of numerous new rejections of the amended claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs.
- Rejected claims 1 and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. 101.
- Rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph.
- Rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.
- Require appropriate clarifications and corrections.

B. Specification Amendments

15. The original specification contained statements that summarize various aspects of the invention. The examiner has suggested that clarification is required to fully enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use aspects of the invention. Accordingly the required correction has been made by providing the required information in new drawings and accompanying descriptions. The specification has been amended to include explanatory

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examples to clarify details of the summary statements and drawing information provided in the original disclosure. Applicant submits that these illustrative examples, of the summary statements contained in the original specification, overcome the objections without adding new matter. Care has been taken not to add matter beyond the scope of the original disclosure. Support for the additional descriptions may be found in the original specifications, drawing figure, abstract, and claims.

16. A substitute specification has been provided along with a marked up copy showing changes.

17. Note that a number of obvious typographical, punctuation, and grammar errors have also been corrected.

C. Claim Amendments

18. The office action required correction of Claims 1, and 7-14 to address rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. The independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claim 7 have been amended to bring these claims within the technological arts and/or to show useful, concrete, and tangible results.

19. The office action required clarification in the written description to avoid rejection of claims 1-14 to address under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph. The specification has been clarified so that one of ordinary skill in the art could make and use the invention as now claimed.

20. The office action required correction of the claims and the written description to avoid rejection of claims 1-14 to address under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. The specification has been clarified and claims 1-8, and 10 have been amended so that the claims

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more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Claims 12 and 14 have been amended to fix obvious typographical errors.

21. With this request of continued examination, new claims 15-21 have been submitted that applicant believes claim patentable material found in the specification, with language that meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101 and 112, 1st and 2nd paragraphs as explained in the office action.

22. These changes were made as required by the office action, but not to overcome any cited prior art, as no rejections have been made based on prior art. No new matter was added.

D. Request Based on MPEP 707.07(j)

23. The applicant appreciates the examiner's thoughtful analysis and feedback on the previously presented specification and claims. The suggestions for correcting the defects in the specification and claims have been very insightful and helpful.

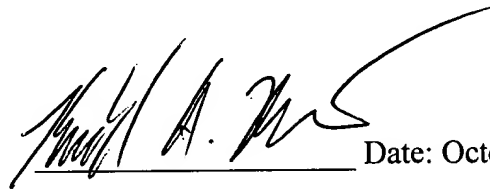
24. The pro se applicant renews the request made under MPEP 707.07(j). Applicant submits that the application as amended contains patentable subject matter. Applicant, in this amendment, has attempted to present amended and new claims that claim subject matter which is supported by the specification, and that meet the other form requirements.

25. Applicant requests, based on MPEP 707.07(j), that the currently amended claims be considered, and if necessary, used as a basis for the examiner to "draft one or more claims for the applicant". Applicant believes that this would "expedite prosecution and offer a service to individual inventors not represented by a registered patent attorney or agent" as is expected under MPEP 707.07(j).

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The undersigned respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that this application be considered and that this case be passed to issue. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-739-9517.

Respectfully submitted,

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III. IN THE DRAWINGS

10. Please add seven new formal drawing sheets for Figs. 2, 3A, 3B, 3C and 4
though 6.